

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (Previously Amended) A communication network for rotating media channels between resources of an emergency services network and conforming emergency systems, the communication network comprising:

a conforming emergency system (CES) connected to a transport network, said CES including a CES channel system; and

a plurality of resources of an emergency services network connected to the transport network, said plurality of resources including a resource channel system,

wherein the CES channel system and one of the resource's channel systems dynamically establish a first media channel between one another over the transport network, and exchange messages over the first media channel to facilitate the CES in handling emergency events;

responsive to a triggering event, the CES channel system and one of the resource's channel systems dynamically establish a second media channel between one another over the transport network, and exchange messages over the second media channel to facilitate the CES in handling emergency events.

2. (Original) The communication network of claim 1 wherein the one resource for the first media channel and the one resource for the second media channel comprise the same resource.

3. (Original) The communication network of claim 1 wherein the one resource for the first media channel and the one resource for the second media channel comprise a different resource.

4. (Original) The communication network of claim 1 wherein:
at least one of the CES and the one resource for the first media channel tears down the first media channel after the second media channel is established.

5. (Previously Amended) The communication network of claim 1 wherein:
at least one of the CES channel system and the one resource's channel system for the first media channel tears down the first media channel simultaneously as the second media channel is established.

6. (Previously Amended) The communication network of claim 1 wherein:
at least one of the CES channel system and the one resource's channel system for the first media channel tears down the first media channel before the second media channel is established.

7. (Previously Amended) The communication network of claim 1 wherein:
at least one of the CES channel system and the one resource's channel system for the first media channel tears down the first media channel after message sessions on the first media channel have ended.

8. (Previously Amended) The communication network of claim 1 wherein:

at least one of the CES channel system and the one resource's channel system for the first media channel rolls message sessions on the first media channel to the second media channel before tearing down the first media channel.

9. (Original) The communication network of claim 1 wherein the triggering event comprises a time period elapsing.

10. (Previously Amended) The communication network of claim 1 wherein the triggering event comprises a request from the CES channel system, the one resource's channel system for the first media channel, or the one resource's channel system for the second media channel.

11. (Original) The communication network of claim 1 wherein the triggering event comprises the CES receiving a new emergency event.

Claims 12 – 15: Previously Canceled.

16. (Previously Amended) The communication network of claim 1 wherein:

either of the CES channel system and the resources' channel system selects the one resource for the first media channel by identifying the availability of each of the resources in the emergency services network.

17. (Previously Amended) The communication network of claim 1 wherein:

the CES channel system and the resources' channel system include a data structure that stores information on the plurality of resources, the CES channel setup system and the resources' channel system access the information in the data structure to select the one resource for the first media channel.

18. (Original) The communication network of claim 17 wherein the information in the data structure includes at least one of a capacity or current load of each of the plurality of resources, an operational status of each of the plurality of resources, a number of media channels established with each of the plurality of resources, security, a location of each resource, data connectivity speed of each resource, the type of protocol used by each resource, or the type of each resource.

19. (Previously Amended) The communication network of claim 1 wherein the CES channel system and the resources' channel system comprise a Session Initiation Protocol (SIP) proxy or a SIP server.

Claims 20 – 29: Previously Canceled.

30. (Original) The communication network of claim 1 wherein the plurality of resources includes a response gateway.

31. (Original) The communication network of claim 1 wherein the plurality of resources includes at least one of an ALI database, a Mobile Positioning Center (MPC), a Gateway Mobile Location Center (GMLC), an Emergency Auxiliary Service Provider (EASP), and a Voice over Internet Protocol (VoIP) server.

32. (Original) The communication network of claim 1 wherein the emergency events include 9-1-1 calls.

33. (Previously Amended) The communication network of claim 1 wherein the CES receives at least one of streaming video, streaming audio, graphics data, voice, text or binary data, or executable instructions or scripts over the first media channel.

34. (Original) The communication network of claim 1 wherein the CES comprises a computer system for a Public Safety Answering Point (PSAP).

35. (Original) The communication network of claim 1 wherein the CES comprises a computer system for one of a hospital, a police department, a fire station, a fire alarm company, a security company, an ambulance service, a state 9-1-1 coordinator, the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), the Department of Homeland Security, the National Geophysical Data Center, or the Center for Disease Control (CDC).

36. (Previously Amended) A method of operating a communication network for rotating media channels between a plurality of resources of an emergency services network,

said plurality of resources including a resource channel system and a conforming emergency system (CES), said CES including a CES channel system, the method comprising the steps of:

dynamically establishing a first media channel between the CES channel system and one of the resource's channel systems, and exchanging messages between the CES channel system and the one resource's channel system over the first media channel to facilitate the CES in handling emergency events; and

responsive to a triggering event, dynamically establishing a second media channel between the CES channel system and one of the resource's channel system, and exchanging messages between the CES channel system and the one resource's channel system over the second media channel to facilitate the CES in handling emergency events.

37. (Original) The method of claim 36 wherein the one resource for the first media channel and the one resource for the second media channel comprise the same resource.

38. (Original) The method of claim 36 wherein the one resource for the first media channel and the one resource for the second media channel comprise a different resource.

39. (Original) The method of claim 36 further comprising the step of:
tearing down the first media channel after the second media channel is established.

40. (Original) The method of claim 36 further comprising the step of:

tearing down the first media channel simultaneously as the second media channel is established.

41. (Original) The method of claim 36 further comprising the step of:
tearing down the first media channel before the second media channel is established.

42. (Original) The method of claim 36 further comprising the step of:
tearing down the first media channel after message sessions on the first media channel have ended.

43. (Original) The method of claim 36 further comprising the step of:
rolling message sessions on the first media channel to the second media channel before tearing down the first media channel.

44. (Original) The method of claim 36 wherein the triggering event comprises a time period elapsing.

45. (Previously Amended) The method of claim 36 wherein the triggering event comprises a request from the CES, the one resource for the first media channel, the one resource for the second media channel.

46. (Original) The method of claim 36 wherein the triggering event comprises the CES receiving a new emergency event.

Claims 47 – 51: Previously Canceled.

52. (Previously Amended) The method of claim 36 wherein the CES channel system and the resources' channel systems include a data structure that stores information on the plurality of resources, and the step of selecting the one resource for the first media channel in the channel setup system comprises:

accessing the information in the data structure to select the one resource for the first media channel.

Claims 53 – 97: Previously Canceled.